

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the subject application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An animal chew toy having end portions, comprising:
a body portion, said body comprising a compressible material and
a first ~~non-woven~~ woven or knit fabric material selectively positioned on said ~~compressible material at locations that are prone to the chewing or biting action of said animal toy at said end portions,~~

said first fabric material comprising multiple layers of ~~non-continuous staple~~ woven or knit fibers comprising one or more of aramid or linear polyethylene or spun liquid crystal polymer or poly(p-phenylene-2,6-benzobisoxazole) ~~which are blended with fibers having a tensile strength less than 50,000 psi and/or a modulus less than 500,000 psi,~~

~~wherein said non-continuous staple fibers have a monoaxial orientation of greater than about 50%,~~

wherein each of said multiple fabric layers have an axis of orientation providing higher strength in one direction versus another direction and wherein ~~an axis of orientation of one layer~~ has a first axis of orientation which is not aligned with ~~an~~ a second axis of orientation of an adjacent layer; and

a second ~~non-woven~~ outer fabric material at least partially disposed over and engaged with at least a portion of first fabric material ~~said compressible material and over said selectively positioned locations of said first non-woven fabric material,~~ said second ~~non-woven~~ fabric material consisting of fibers having a tensile strength less than 50,000 psi and/or a modulus less than 500,000 psi.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The animal toy according to claim 1 wherein the tensile strength of said fibers of said first ~~non-woven~~ woven or knit fabric material is greater than or equal to 100,000 psi.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The animal toy according to claim 1, wherein said tensile strength of said fibers of said first ~~non-woven~~ woven or knit fabric material is greater than or equal to 200,000 psi.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The animal toy according to claim 1, wherein said modulus of said fibers of said first ~~non-woven~~ woven or knit fabric material is at least 1 Mpsi.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The animal toy according to claim 1, wherein said modulus of said fibers of said first ~~non-woven~~ woven or knit fabric material is between about 1 Mpsi and 30 Mpsi.

Claim 6-8. (Cancelled)

Claim 9. (Previously Presented) The animal toy according to claim 1 wherein said first and second axis of orientation intersect one another to form an angle of between 1-179 degrees.

Claim 10-11. (Cancelled)

Claim 12. (Original) The animal toy according to claim 1, wherein said compressible material comprises a foam material.

Claim 13. (Original) The animal toy according to claim 1, wherein said compressible material comprises at least one of natural and synthetic batting or fill.

Claim 14. (Original) The animal toy of claim 13 wherein said batting or fill is selected from the group consisting of polyester, nylon, cotton, wool, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 15-18. (Cancelled)

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) The animal toy of claim 1 wherein said body portion further comprises a third ~~non-woven~~ woven or knit fabric material comprising fibers having a tensile

strength greater than or equal to 50,000 psi and/or a modulus greater than or equal to 500,000 psi disposed partially over said first fabric material.

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) The animal toy of claim 19 wherein said first ~~non-woven~~ woven or knit fabric material has a first axis of orientation and said third non-woven fabric material has a third axis of orientation at an angle of between 1-179 degrees from said first axis of orientation.

Claim 21. (Cancelled)

Claim 22. (Previously Presented) The animal toy of claim 1 wherein said compressible material is isolated to certain regions of the animal toy.

Claims 23 -27. (Cancelled)

Claim 28. (New) A tear resistant animal chew toy comprising:

a rolled, folded or twisted structure of woven, knit or non-woven fabric material wherein said structure includes multiple layers of said woven, knit or non-woven fabric material, said structure including ends wherein said ends are stitched or tied together, wherein said woven, knit or non-woven fabric material comprises one or more of aramid or linear polyethylene or spun liquid crystal polymer or poly(p-phenylene-2,6-benzobisoxazole).

Claim 29. (New) The animal chew of claim 28 wherein said rolled, folded or twisted structure is substantially cylindrical in shape.